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HUNDREDS of hospice supporters took part in the annual Havens Hospice Great Pier Swim last Saturday.

For the first time, the charity swim had two races giving those taking part the choice between the 3.3km, or the smaller 900m swim.

More than 200 people took part. The challenging 3.3km swim started at Chalkwell Beach and the other at the Three Shells Beach and both ended at Jubilee Beach.

This year each swimmer was given a yellow swimming hat to wear in memory of local open water swimmer Tony Mellet who died of a heart attack in May this year.

Tony had been taking part in the event every year since it began in 2008 and was a member of the Chalkwell Redcaps swimming club yet wore a yellow hat when he was in the water.

Tony's friends and family swam alongside his wife Sarah, in the 900m swim.

Sarah, 53, from Shoebury said she wasn't a strong swimmer because she suffered from chronic fatigue, arthritis, spondylitis and scoliosis.

She said: "So I find my body aches after anything physically challenging, including swimming but I was determined to finish for Tony."

"I will be paying for it all week but I am so happy to have taken part."

Sarah was joined by Rory McPherson, Mandy Byrne, Tony's son Chirs Mellett and his old swimming partner Jane Bell who wore his old hat.

Sarah added: "Whenever I needed someone they were there."

"I found it tough but feel elated and proud of myself."

"I did it for Tony, the support was phenomenal, both in and out of the water."

Havens Hospices event fundraiser Jason Curtis said it was the first time two distances were on offer at the race.

He said: "We wanted to give more people the chance to take part but still enjoy the thrill of the open water swimming and passing under the world's longest pleasure pier and all those who took part seemed to have a great time."



SWIM: Rory McPherson, Jane Bell, Mandy Byrnes and Sarah Mellett who swam in remembrance of Tony Mellet



A SHIPWRECK has been discovered in the Thames Estuary. Turn to pages 6 and 7 for more.

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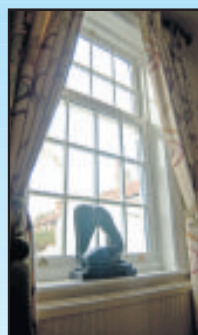
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Beauty and the Beach

THE BEECROFT Art Gallery was officially opened at the former Southend Central Library last Saturday.

The gallery has opened with two major exhibitions called 'Beauty and the Beach' and an exhibition of pictures by local photographer David Shields.

The Beauty and the Beach exhibition shows a collection of iconic bathing suits from the 1940s to the 1960s and will be on display in specially made beach huts and display cabinets built by a volunteer carpenter.

In December it will then be going on tour throughout the UK.

David Shields exhibition is a collection of photos of football stadiums including Southend's very own Roots Hall.

Also on display in the gallery for the relaunch is a permanent collection of local scenes featuring a maritime painting by Charles Pears that was used for a railway poster.

September will see the relaunch of the University of Essex's unique collection of contemporary Latin American Art.

This will be the only Latin American Art exhibition of its type in the country at that time.

Overseeing the whole of the gallery is a painting of Walter Beecroft himself.

The Leigh solicitor founded the original gallery in Station Road, Westcliff, 60 years ago.

Graham Longley, councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development said he hoped as many people as possible would visit the gallery.

He said: "This new location, a fully and accessible space, is ideal for the Beecroft's pictures and other artwork."

The paintings can now be seen by all while also being kept safe with dimmable spotlights and tinted windows, and for the first time we have the room to host the regions only dedicated costume exhibition collection.

"It is a wonderful way to share our borough's art heritage in an easily reached building on one of the main routes into Southend."



OPEN: The new Beecroft Gallery is now open at the old Library location in Southend

Photo by Mark Cleveland

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Carers given a chance to get creative

CARERS in Southend will be transformed into film makers, directors and actors this Wednesday at the Shoeburyness Youth Centre, in Delaware Road.

The sessions will be led by professional film maker Aoife Twomey backed by volunteers from local company Clicksco, who have part-funded the project.

In October, the carers will get the chance to see their final films at the Clicksco's offices in Victoria Avenue, Southend.

The project set up by arts charity Create was designed to give carers a break from their adult responsibilities and give them a chance to meet like-minded people.

Nicky Golder, co-founder and chief executive of Create said the charity was delighted to get funding for the project and be coming to Southend.

Nicky said: "Young carers are required to undertake adult responsibilities far too early and this project gives them time for themselves, to be creative with their peers and to be young people."

"It is a huge privilege to give them this opportunity, and I can't wait to see their films."

Steve Shutt, chief people officer at Clicksco said the company as a digital marketing specialist recognises video has an enormous power to communicate with people.

Steve said: "At Clicksco we take great pleasure in being able to support these enterprising young people as they strive to share their own messages with a wider audience, support that is being delivered through our evolving partnership with Create."

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Sea wall plans under review



DEFENCE: Councillor Martin Terry who has been speaking to residents about alternative plans for sea defences

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SOUTHEND Council is reviewing plans for the controversial sea wall on Shoebury Common.

The new administration has scrapped plans bought in by the previous Tory council due to the amount of public objection to the plans.

The saga has been going on since 2011 and would have imposed a

seven-foot 1,000 yard stretch of sea wall from Ness Road to Bay Gardens.

Councillor for public protection and waste, Martin Terry said the council was in discussions with the Environment Agency and are waiting for report from them.

Mr Terry said: "We have got a plan that we are working on and reviewing the application and speaking to residents around the area who have come up with their

own plans for flood defences.

"We do have some funding, however there is a possibility that the funding may increase."

Plans for the sea wall will be finalised by March 2015 and construction of the defences are aimed to be completed by 2020.

Mr Terry added: "It really is an ongoing issue but we are confident we will get a different plan to what is on the table at the moment.

"Residents are very happy with the review of the plans.

"The level of objection has been amazing to the original plan so it is clear we cant go back to the one originally suggested by the last administration."

The previous administration pushed through plans with four people backing the plan with thousands of people opposing plans to save hundreds of homes and businesses from flooding.

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Crackdown on track trespassers

TRESPASSERS on the c2c line will be the target of the Operation Shellshocked being run by the British Transport Police (BTP).

Officers from the London and Essex coast team will be out during the summer alongside colleagues from the rail company targeting those who cause issues for the running of the network of trains.

Superintendent Richard Moffatt said historically the force saw a significant rise in trespass incidents during the summer holiday.

He said: "This generally coincides with the school holidays, during which time we also see an increase in incidents of route crime, such as stone throwing or placing objects on the track.

"To combat this we have launched Operation Shellshock and will be working with our colleagues at c2c to educate youngsters and adults about the dangers of trespass and route crime."

Bag snatched

A PENSIONER has had her bag snatched in Queensway, Southend.

The 67 year old woman from Westcliff was on her way to work when she was approached by a man on a bike at 11.45am, on Thursday, July 24. The black bag contained the victims mobile phone and her purse.

The suspect is described as white, aged between 21 and 40, had black cropped receding hair and was carrying a black canvas bag over his shoulder.

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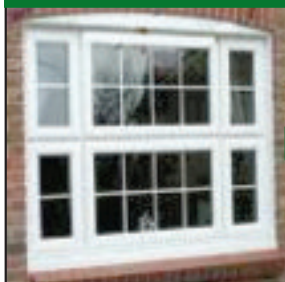
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BUSY YEAR: pier is proving popular

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Visitor numbers up

VISITOR numbers to Southend Pier have soared this year with the council predicting that the 300,000 barrier will be broken for the first time since 2005, the year of the pier fire.

Almost 190,000 people have already entered the world famous landmark, and with five months to go, it is predicted that the 283,468 who visited last year will be beaten.

Councillor Ian Gilbert, deputy leader of the council said the pier has so much to offer.

He said: "I am delighted that

residents and visitors alike have swarmed to what is a wonderful asset to the borough.

"Obviously the good weather we have had has helped, but also I think it is a testament to the excellent management by the staff, the investments made and the diverse range of events that take place throughout the year. However, we are not complacent and we know there is scope for our pier to be even better.

"The increased footfall demonstrates the potential opportunities for investment

and we are keen to talk to businesses about this.

"We are confident, that as long as we have a reasonable autumnal weather we should have over 300,000 visitors for the first time in nine years, which is great news."

There are a number of private bookings upcoming to the pier including The Barge Match exhibition from 11am on Sunday, August 24, and the Summer Jazz on the Pier programme, being held in the Royal Pavilion on Sunday, September 21.

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Wreck is window to the past

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The London mysteriously blew up when it was anchored in 1665 and sank off of Southend's shore where it is now rapidly deteriorating.

The succession of dives is a rush to preserve the items that have been preserved in the mud of the estuary.

So far teams have managed to excavate items from the ship and map the wreck.

Items found so far include musket shots, shoes, ship fixtures, tools, personal items, coins, navigational dividers and bottles.

Last Thursday saw a new haul from the wreck with divers exposing a gun carriage underwater and bringing to the surface pulley blocks from the gun carriages.

Steve Webster, project manager of Cotswold Archaeology who is heading up the dives said the project would take two years to complete.

He said: "This is the only ongoing excavation on an underwater wreck in England at the present time and the artefacts that we can recover are similar in scope to those recovered from the Mary Rose, but 120 years later in date."

"This will allow us to better understand a whole range of changes that occurred between the first half of the 16th century and the second half of the 17th century, a period that saw the expansion of Britain's sea power and marks the start of the British Empire."

Steven Ellis, part of the dive team excavating the ship who got the licence from the Government to dive the wreck said it had not been easy so far.

He said: "Working underwater in the murky Thames Estuary has been challenging but we're making real progress in understanding the nature of this fascinating 300 year old wreck site."

The London was one of only three completed wooden Second Rate large ships that were built between 1642 and 1660 and is the only one that survives.



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ACCESS: Southend Pensioners Campaign are looking for new members Photo by Mark Cleveland

Recruitment drive

THE SOUTHEND Pensioners Campaign has been drumming up support for new members in Southend High Street.

The group helps pensioners in the borough access services in the area and helps them fill out forms to help them get finances.

Each month the group meet up and have a talk by a guest speaker and tackle issues that the older generation are facing

in Southend.

Currently it is also running a petition to try and get bus passes used on all forms of transport.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday, August 20, and will include a talk on cinemas in Southend in the 1950s.

Jean Howes from the group said any pensioner was welcome along to the talk.

She said: "We are a really friendly group and very welcoming."

"Some of the talks we have are very interesting and the help we give to people to access services is invaluable." The meeting will be held at Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, between 1.45pm and 3.45pm.

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Probe into police sickness levels

By Charles Thomson

southend@yellowad.co.uk

POLICE stress levels are being probed after sick days increased by 50 per cent in four years.

Figures show 41,251 police duty days were lost to sickness in 2013/14.

The number in 2009/10 was 27,654. The figure equals an increase of 49.2 per cent.

The data was released after a Freedom of Information request by Mike Le Surf, Labour parliamentary candidate for South Basildon and East Thurrock.

Baroness Angela Smith (Lab) said she feared falling police numbers had led to a spike in stress complaints.

The number of duty days lost to 'psychological conditions' jumped from 5,132.18 in 2009/10 to 12,242.96 in 2013/14 – an increase of 138.6 per cent.

Baroness Smith said: "The chances are, that is likely to be stress."

Essex Police announced in 2011 it would cut 10 per cent of officers by 2014 to facilitate a £41million budget cut.

Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston (Con) warned in April 2014 that more officers would be lost to government cuts, as it was revealed Essex Police had



Labour's Mike Le Surf

lost more community support officers (PCSOs) than any other force in the east of England.

He said: "We will have fewer PCSOs, as we are likely to have fewer officers, staff and even police stations."

Baroness Smith made a link between climbing sickness levels and falling officer numbers during a House of Lords speech late last month.

She said: "[Officers] have told me that the thin blue line is getting thinner and thinner. They feel they are unable to do their job as they want to and should be able to... I have been told that some officers have been on permanent 12-hour shifts for three weeks. That has taken its toll."

"Is the minister as shocked and as worried as I am that the sickness levels in Essex Police – and I have no reason to

expect that Essex is different to anywhere else – have risen so dramatically since this government has been in office?"

She asked the question of Lord Taylor of Holbeach, parliamentary under-secretary of state for the Home Office. However, Lord Taylor did not answer and has since left the post.

Mr Alston admitted stress was a concern but said cuts to staffing levels were unavoidable. He said: "I am aware the Police Federation believes stress experienced by officers is a factor in the increased levels of sickness. It is important to consider this and explore whether there was ways of decreasing stress levels."

"It is the case though, in these times of austerity, that all public services are being asked to operate within smaller budgets. A recent report from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary found Essex Police has the lowest non-pay budget per head of the population of any police force in the country. With around 84 per cent of the total policing budget spent on salaries, it is inevitably the case that there will be fewer officers, PCSOs and staff over the coming years."

He added that the force was investing money in counselling services for officers.

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'Right to report'

MEMBERS of the public can now film and record Southend Council meetings without asking for permission.

The new law was introduced by Tory Brentwood MP Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Local Government.

Changes under the "right to report" legislation also allow members of the public to make audio recordings of council meetings and post live updates on websites like Twitter.

A Department for Communities and Local Government spokesman said: "Eric Pickles signed a parli-

mentary order allowing press and public to digitally report from all public meetings of local government bodies. This 'right to report' updates a law passed by Margaret Thatcher as a backbench MP.

"Following the passage of both primary and secondary legislation, the move opens councils' digital doors, covering broadcasters, national press, local press, bloggers, hyper-local journalists and the wider public. The new law aims to end active resistance among some councils to greater openness. Councils have even called

the police to arrest people who tried to report, tweet or film council meetings, or claimed spurious 'health and safety' or 'reputational' risks to digital reporting."

Mr Pickles added: "Local democracy needs local journalists and bloggers to report and scrutinise the work of their council and increasingly, people read their news via digital media. There is now no excuse for any council not to allow these new rights. Parliament has changed the law to allow a robust and healthy local democracy."

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Warning goes out to horse owners

HORSE owners are being warned of the dangers of a weed that grows prolifically in fields throughout the UK – ragwort. Horse charity, Remus, said if horses eat the yellow weed, they suffer stomach pains, struggle to breathe, go blind or even die.

Yet this is what can happen to horses if owners fail to do one very important job as part of their care.

It is vital that horse owners learn how to recognise the yellow-flowered plant, and eradicate it from fields where their horses graze.

Ragwort is found in fields across the country and the seedlings appear in the autumn, the rosettes in spring and the mature plants from May to October.

They can be up to 2m tall. It may also find its way into hay, so owners also need to be vigilant when feeding their animals.

Ragwort is poisonous and damages the liver. Founder of Remus, Sue Burton said: "The effects can build up over a length of time, so even if a horse only eats small amounts this can build up, having disastrous effects."

"Obviously they can also become extremely ill from eating large quantities.

The mature plants tend to be bitter, so horses will possibly avoid them, but young plants and dead plants lose their bitter taste so are especially dangerous.

"All plants must be removed. Remember



RAGWORT: plant is harmful to horses

that it can be harmful to humans too, so cover arms and legs and use gloves when pulling it up out of the field, and avoid inhaling the pollen too.

"The most effective way to remove Ragwort is to pull the plant up from the roots – special tools are available to help to

remove roots.

It is also possible to spray the area – agricultural merchants will be able to advise on suitable products.

Paddocks will need to be rested before the horses can go back on them – and all dead plants must be removed.

The Ragwort plants

need to be carefully disposed of – burning is most effective – but it is best to speak to DEFRA for advice.

For further information on Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary, visit www.remussanctuary.org or contact Sue Burton on 01277 356191.

Tide safety reminder

SOUTHEND Council is encouraging residents and visitors to remember seaside safety tips and to pick up a tide timetable before venturing into the estuary.

Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, said he welcomed everyone to enjoy the delights of the shoreline but to do it safely.

He said: "We are urging local people and visitors to take note of safety signs, especially those for

our beaches.

"We are seeing reports of people being rescued by the coastguard and RNLI, so please be aware that you can get cut off on the estuary very quickly, particularly on the mud flats as the tides come back in suddenly.

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Services merger false economy

THE gross forecast saving from the shared services merger with Newham is £3.9 million over 5 years. The net saving is £2.5 million once the £950,000 redundancy and £450,000 other costs are deducted. Thus any increase in council tax needed to avoid the merger was 0.5 per cent (£9), not 4 per cent as promoted by the previous Conservative administration.

Normally when employees are made redundant it is done on a 'last in, first out' basis. But if redundancy is voluntary it means the long serving and experienced staff will take redundancy, because they will be entitled to the best pay outs!

And this is why the merger with Newham is a false economy, because even if the forecast savings are made [not guaranteed with IT projects] the further loss of experienced staff will undermine the efficiency and independence of our lean but mostly well run council.

Indeed despite having fewer and lower paid staff than Newham, senior Havering staff are already being sent to Newham to cover for their higher paid staff who are all absent on sick leave!

Cllr David Durrant
Rainham and Wennington

Independent Residents Group

Lost licence bureaucracy is arrogance

THIS new council has surpassed itself in arrogance with a bureaucrat e-mail announcement in a recess telling us that the respected waste company Cory have lost the licence to our contract.

The process hidden behind is called procurement with only officer input and no councillor contribution whatsoever. So telling residents why is simply not possible and we are told that all will be explained in September - cold comfort for Cory staff and residents alike.

Cory jobs are said to be safe with an employment law technique called TUPE in place, Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations whether rates of pay and other former employment conditions will remain the same, again I cannot tell anyone.

This was a cowardly way to announce this with the senior officer not responding to e-mails and the Portfolio Holder simply defending these actions. This action shows the chaotic style of this administration.

Cllr Flewitt
Shadow Portfolio Holder
Leigh on Sea

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More information about the club can be found on the club's website at "southendstrokeclub.btik.com".

Alan Watkins
Honorary Treasurer
Leigh-on-Sea

Go for Canvey crossing

SO Kevin Bentley, on behalf of Essex Council, is frustrated by the delays in planning a Lower Thames Crossing which

he considers "vital" to "Essex businesses and residents".

But this is, apparently, only so if Thurrock picks up the 'tab' in terms of the negative aspects. Thurrock and its residents already suffer some of the worst traffic congestion and resultant air pollution in the whole of the UK but he and Essex wish to add significantly to this together with condoning destruction of Thurrock green belt and rural communities.

If Essex wishes to push forward with a "vital" new crossing why does it not circumvent the delays that are, and will be, caused by Thurrock Council and its residents and, instead, promote the Canvey location option which it has, thus far, rejected?

This option has much to offer as benefits for the whole of the UK. They could push forward on this with government without interference and also ensure that the design of the new road link to the A13 and A130 provides for the better access to Canvey which we are repeatedly told is essential but, again, is only promoted as a further source of congestion and pollution for Thurrock via the oft quoted "Manorway Link" which Thurrock will, again, oppose vigorously.

It is time that Thurrock ceased to be seen as the dumping ground for Essex and London and that others, including Essex, accept some of the major negative implications of the much sought after economic growth.

D.Parker
Stanford le Hope

Foreign drivers get away with it

WE have seen in the news that millions of pounds worth of unpaid parking fines are written off each year by councils unable to trace drivers of foreign vehicles.

From October this year the Dartford Crossing tolls will be made by remote payment similar to the London Congestion Charge.

The Highways Agency state on their government website that they are serious about tackling evasion by non-UK (foreign) drivers and will use effective penalty and recovery processes. This includes a European debt recovery agency to support the recovery of outstanding charges.

Thousands of foreign vehicle

use the Dartford Crossing every month on their way to North London and North Britain.

My suspicion is that again we will end up paying but foreign drivers will be able to get away with it, as it will not be economically viable to chase them up to fine them.

Alan James
Hockley

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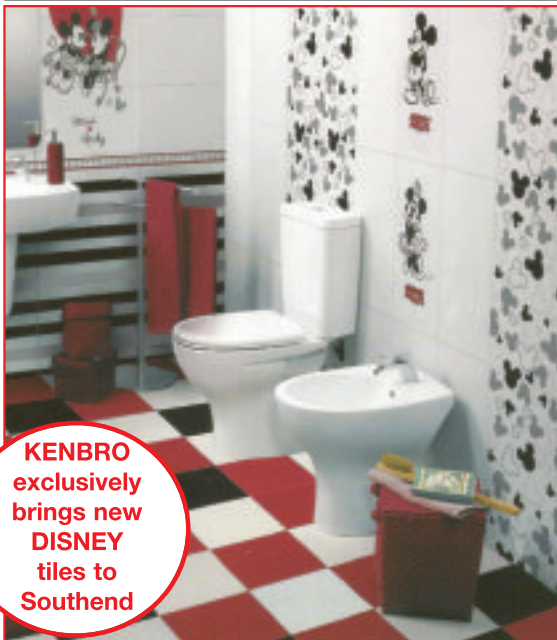
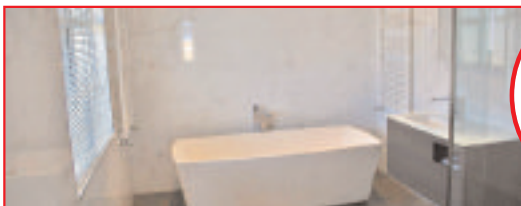
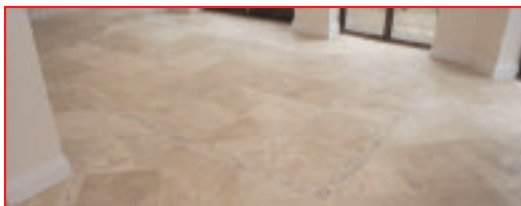
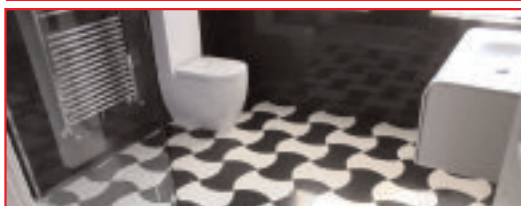
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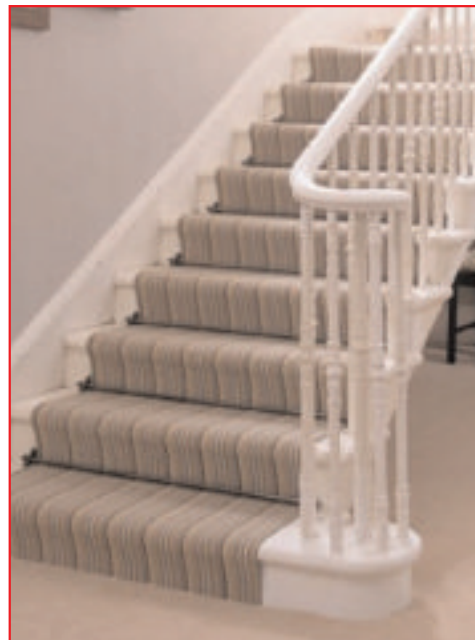
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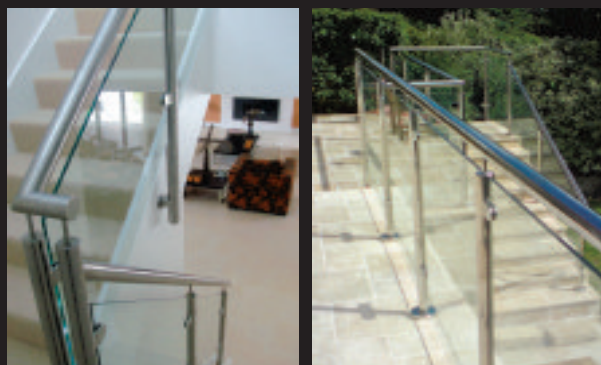
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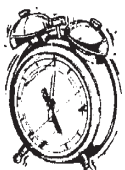
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Sarah Scowen and Sean Needham from cut to the chase... in Gunmetal Blues.

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by LIZ WADE

TAKE your seats for the European premiere of murder mystery, Gunmetal Blues, when it's staged at the Queen's Theatre later this month.

The Hornchurch theatre's resident company cut to the chase... will be opening its brand new autumn season on August 29 with a three week run of this hard-boiled

detective yarn disguised as a lounge act – or maybe it's the other way round.

It will be the first time this comedy musical has been seen outside the USA and Canada and, what's more, it is quite possibly the first premiere the Queen's has produced in its 60 year history.

The theatre's artistic director, Bob Carlton, said: "Gunmetal Blues was an off Broadway hit several years ago. Immediately after the

authors followed it up with a show called 'Enter the Guardsman'. This show won several awards and transferred to this country, where it won an Ivor Novello award. Gunmetal Blues was largely ignored over here because of this show's success.

"It's a bit like the story of 'From a Jack to a King' and 'Return to the Forbidden Planet'. The original hit becomes forgotten because of the success of the subsequent show.

"Finding the show was a different matter. Every year I read scores of plays to try to find suitable material for the Queen's. I also trawl theatre websites to find good titles. This show was as a result of trawling websites. I found the title, which I thought was good and I ordered the play from America. I really liked it, but didn't for one moment think that we would get the rights, but we did."

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Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger in The Expendables 3

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Last action heroes

THE EXPENDABLES 3 (12A, 126 mins)

FOLLOWING a spectacular stunt aboard a moving train that opens this third instalment of the action franchise, Arnold Schwarzenegger turns to Sylvester Stallone and wearily confides, "I'm getting out of this business... and so should you."

His words fall on deaf ears because The Expendables is a cash cow for Stallone, who directed and co-wrote the opening salvo in 2010 and has been reliving his muscle-bound glory days ever since.

Australian director Patrick Hughes, who impressed with the gritty low-budget western Red Hill, takes charge of this outlandish mission festooned with bone-crunching hand-to-hand combat, pithy one-liners and deafening explosions.

And The Expendables 3 certainly opens with a bang. Several.

Barney Ross (Stallone) and his crew of battle-hardened mercenaries orchestrate a prison breakout.

Their target: original Expendables

member Doctor Death (Wesley Snipes), who has been off the grid for years.

The bolstered team heads to Mogadishu at the behest of chief Max Drummer (Harrison Ford), where a spectacular skirmish at the dockyards brings Barney face-to-face with a ghost from the past.

Conrad Stonebanks (Mel Gibson), co-founder of the Expendables, who Barney was ordered to kill, is alive and exceeding well on the ill-gotten gains of the arms trade.

Faced with an adversary, who possesses unlimited supplies of state-of-the-art weaponry, Barney retires the old team and enlists the help of Trench (Arnold Schwarzenegger) and retired medic Bonaparte (Kelsey Grammer) to bring down Stonebanks.

They assemble a fearless younger crew comprising bareknuckle bravler Smilee (Kellan Lutz), nightclub bouncer Luna (Ronda Rousey), hacker Thorn (Glen Powell), weaponry specialist Mars (Victor Ortiz) and infuriatingly talkative former Spanish Armed Forces opera-

tive Galgo (Antonio Banderas).

The Expendables 3 is an entertaining and ridiculously far-fetched tour of duty that sensibly welcomes fresh faces to the fold and provides Banderas, Ford, Gibson and Snipes with sizeable roles to turn back the clock.

"I haven't had so much fun in years," cackles Ford after he lays waste to hordes of enemy soldiers.

The clash between old school brute force and modern day tech savvy provides the scriptwriters with a rich vein of humour. Thus when Barney outlines his heavy-handed solution to toppling Stonebanks, Luna snorts derisively, "It's a great plan... if it was 1985."

Stallone looks good for his age and sparks brotherly banter with Statham, whose wavering accent is a prime target for put-downs.

They look like proud fathers, passing the mantle to the next generation of action heroes, while Stallone does his bit for the cause with a zimmer frame rocket launcher.

Released: August 14

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Stage

A hard-boiled taste of Bogie and Bergman

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With echoes of Casablanca, Moonlighting and Sin City, Gunmetal Blues is a hard-boiled detective yarn starring out to the chase... the Queen's professional resident company of actor-musicians.

Gunmetal Blues - written by Scott Wentworth with music and lyrics by Craig Bohmler and Marion Adler - comes live from the Red Eye Lounge where piano player, Buddy Toupee, leads the audience of a voyage of murder, mystery and music as Sam Galahad searches for a missing blonde in a world of smoke and mirrors, shadows and shattered dreams as we try to find out who murdered Adrian Wasp.

Was it Carol Indigo, the party girl with the big secret? Or Laura Vesper, the woman with a past? Or was it a mysterious bag lady called the Princess? Will Sam break the case before the crooked cops and the bad guys break him? Will he find the love he thought he'd lost?

Bob added: "Gunmetal Blues is a parody of, and quotes from, all those wonderful film noir that we were brought up on, late night on Saturday television. 'Casablanca', 'Double Indemnity', 'The Big Sleep' etc. and has songs that echo those

wonderful jazz/ blues soundtracks that always underscored those films.

"Parody is perhaps the wrong word. To use film parlance it is more 'homage'. It's an ever popular genre that sees modern echoes in films like 'Sin City' and 'Watchmen'. The hard boiled cop, who undergoes a quest for truth in the jungle of the city, as he seeks redemption for his own tainted past and his elusive lost love. All great melodramatic stuff!"

The production's wonderful soundtrack is performed live on stage by the multi-talented cut to the chase... company, all of whom play at least three musical instruments each.

"The cast are very excited," says Bob. "Film noir, as a genre, has been popular from the late 40s until today. It takes in everything from 'Casablanca' to 'Sin City'. You tell me one actor who doesn't want to give his Humphrey Bogart, or one actress who doesn't want to play Ingrid Bergman?"

"As for the instruments, that's part of our house style. Part of the show is set in The Red Eye Lounge, a cabaret bar, so that's all the excuse we, as a company, need."

And how does Bob feel directing an unmissable, exclusive European premiere?

"The same as directing any show at The Queen's," he says.

"You try to tell the story as clearly and with as much integrity that you can, whilst bearing in mind the tastes and predilections of your audience. I am however mindful of the luck that we have had in obtaining the rights to the show."

After Gunmetal Blues, cut to the chase.. will be staging two other productions before entertaining audiences with their ever popular panto.

Bob added: "After Gunmetal Blues we are putting on the farcical comedy 'Lend me a Tenor', which was so successful in the West End a few years ago and has frequently been requested by our audience and then 'Return to the Forbidden Planet', before it goes out on a national tour to celebrate it's 25th anniversary and to earn The Queen's some much needed income. And of course, we round off the year with our magical family pantomime Sleeping Beauty."

*For further information and tickets for Gunmetal Blues, which will be at the Queen's Theatre from 29 August to 20 September and is being staged by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd, call the Box Office on 01708 443333 or book online at www.queens-theatre.co.uk

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RAPHAEL Park may be 110 years old but it has never looked better – thanks to almost £2million of improvements.

Restoration work at the Romford Park, including strengthening nature conservation, restoring the historic landscape and providing new facilities for visitors, was completed just in time for its 110th anniversary celebrations in June.

The park, which was once part of the former landscaped grounds of Gidea Hall Estate, was given to Romford Urban District Council back in 1901 by Sir Herbert Raphael for recreation and leisure for the benefit of the townspeople. It has been offering just that ever since opening as a park in 1904, as people flock to enjoy its acres of gardens and wander along Black's Lake which is home to everything from Canada Geese and Tufted Ducks, to Mute Swans and Pochards in the winter.

Walk along the lake – named after Alexander Black who was one of the 19th century owners of Gidea Hall estate – during a summer evening and you may catch a glimpse of some bats who also make Raphael Park their home.

Bats and birds are among a diverse range of wildlife that can

be seen and heard in Raphael Park as it has a wonderful variety of habitats including nearly cut lawns, wildflower meadows, a stream, mature woodland, herbaceous borders and shrub beds.

More than 18,000 trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, ferns, hedging plants and bulbs were planted in the park earlier this year, as part of the restoration project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and other improvements have included the opening of a new refreshment kiosk, Milli's Coffee House, at the far end of the park, footpath repairs, improvements to the lake, repairs to railings and gates, and new park furniture including signs, seating and picnic tables.

The park, which also boasts a children's play area, a bandstand and a theatre garden where productions are staged in the summer, will soon have a new restaurant and cafe with terrace overlooking the lake when it opens in the autumn.

The restaurant has been constructed as an extension to Park



LANDSCAPING:
Raphael Park

Lodge, the home that was built for the park superintendent to live in more than 100 years ago. Along with Park Lodge, two smaller entrance lodges where built around 1908 and despite being very small with just single rooms upstairs and downstairs, they were used as dwellings. While only one of these lodges remain today, there are further glimpses from the past at Raphael Park including Black's Bridge, also named after former

estate owner Alexander Black, which was designed by James Wyatt in a classical Georgian style in the late 18th century and can be found at the Main Road entrance to the park.

Other remnants of the earlier landscape include the sites of the former vineyards and pleasure ground and a number of mature trees.

As well as a great place to wander around throughout the year, the park is also a fantastic place to

take the kids and events this summer include inflatable fun days with Go-Bonkers from 1 to 4pm on Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting – see www.go-bonkers.co.uk) and family fun days ever Friday up until August 29 (see www.gigglywigglyworms.co.uk and www.ellisleisure.co.uk).

* For further information about Raphael Park visit www.haverling.gov.uk or www.friendsofraphaelpark.org.uk

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Saturday, August 16

■ South Essex Amateur Radio Society, GB2HB, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Heavenly Body 2, the B17 aircraft that crashed over Canvey Point in 1944, a field day event at Island Yacht Club. 07986 070040

■ Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High St. £2 pp, info: 01268 775328.

■ Yugioh Club, you can play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments, Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.

■ Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls aged 5-17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.

■ Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.

■ Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.

■ Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.

■ Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, August 17

■ St Aiden's Church, The Fairway, Leigh-on-Sea, Service of Holy Communion and laying on of hands, with prayer for healing. 10Am 01702 512531.

■ Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides, sited by Waterside Sport Centre, Sommes Ave, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. Running every Sunday until 12th October, 2014. Open from 10.30am-4pm, choice of two railways, steam and electric locos. Adults and children £1 each ride, all welcome, weather permitting.

■ The Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, February through October, 10am til 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.

■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.

■ Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.

■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

■ King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.

■ Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.

■ Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.

■ Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, details Mo on 07577 658799.

Monday, August 18

■ Beginner's Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm. 01702 615475.

■ Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.

■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's, Craft: 10am-12pm, Tai Chi: Whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-12pm, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2. 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets

Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.

■ Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.

■ Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.

■ Over 50's session, Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and Table Tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 includes refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity Session for adults with special needs, (term time only), 10am-12pm. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.

■ Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.

■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk

■ Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.

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■ Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.

■ Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.

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■ Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, further details 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, beginners welcome, no partner needed, every Monday 7-10pm, £3 including tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Mondays 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, August 19

■ Women's Institute meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 2-4pm, Wesley Methodist Hall, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1RH, all ages, various speakers, activities, outings, tea and coffee, Janis 01702 625691.

■ Art Class, all abilities welcome. Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm, paula-cock43@yahoo.co.uk 01702 615475.

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■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance, Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell 55+ Social Centre, Southend Road, behind the Library Main Road, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.

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■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep

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■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.

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■ Bingo and Hoy, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, every Tuesday 1.30-4pm, further details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

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Wednesday, August 20

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■ Art Class - Beginners' welcome, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, paulalcock43@yahoo.co.uk 01702 615475.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65's. Meet every Wednesday at Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. Check out our web site. www.leighsingles.co.uk for further details.

■ Activity Session for children with special needs, ages 5-18, (term time only). The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

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■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.

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■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390 for further details.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk

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■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.

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■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged 5-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Over 50s Session, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price 3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

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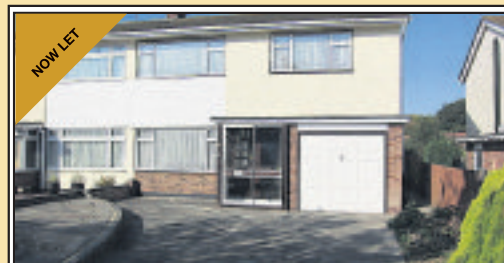
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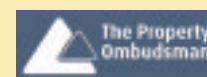
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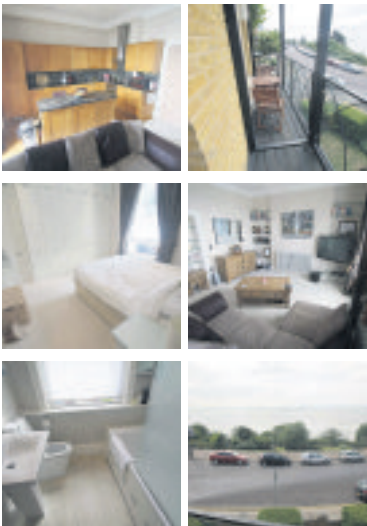
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Character building	Bathroom
Extensive views	South facing sun balcony
First floor apartment	Large Garage
Double bedroom	Communal gardens
Lounge/kitchen	Vacant possession

Westcliff On Sea £285,000




Being situated within a central location of Westcliff is this four bedroom end of terrace family house offering large ground floor living accommodation. The property benefits from modern fitted kitchen along with gas central heating and double glazing. Good size rear garden and off street parking.

Westcliff On Sea £169,995




End of terrace family house being situated South of the London Road within close proximity of mainline railway stations and town centre. The property benefits from three reception rooms and has three bedrooms with a first floor bathroom/wc. The property has gas central heating via radiators and parking permits are available.

Southend On Sea £75,000




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Westcliff On Sea £110,000



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Southend On Sea £169,950



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Westcliff On Sea £700 pcm

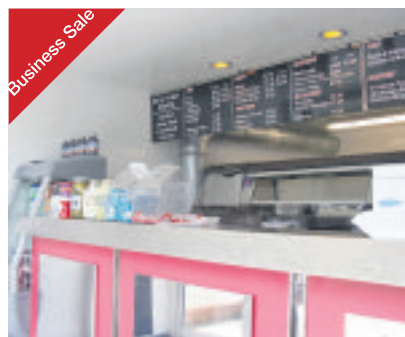


First and second floor maisonette above a shop along the London Road. The access is approached via a rear pedestrian access off Anerley Road. External staircase to first floor, personal door onto entrance, modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room with integrated four ring gas hob, oven and grill under, extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine and upright fridge/freezer, lounge/diner, second floor accommodation comprising three bedrooms, bathroom/wc with independent shower over bath, full gas central heating and double glazing.



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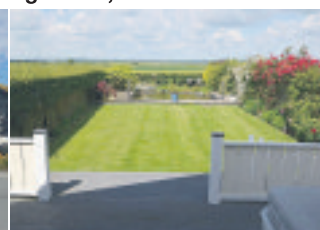
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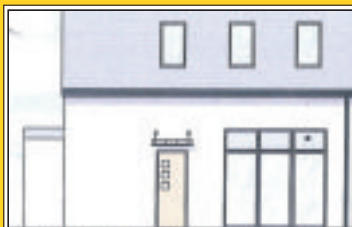
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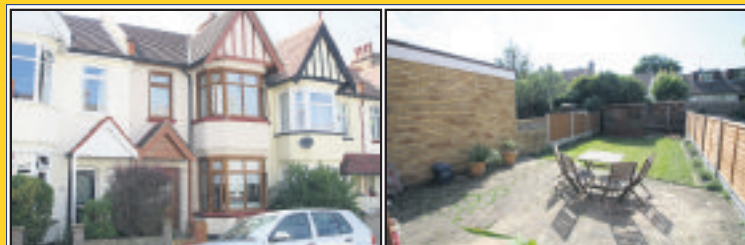
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Q. What issues do you need to consider if you're selling this time of year?

A. Somewhere around mid-July, the property market always slows a little. If you are going away, leave a key and contact details with your agent so they can feed back on viewings and any offers. Failing that, leaving a key with a family member, friend or neighbour means you won't risk missing the odd buyer who happens to be around in high summer when you're not!

This is also a good time to re-evaluate every aspect of your marketing. Timescale, for example: from September to Christmas is a little less than 14 weeks – and a sale can take at least 12 weeks from finding a buyer to handing over the keys, what is your timescale? So, do you want to get moved before Christmas or aren't you bothered?

Next price. This is the key determinant in selling anything, so it needs to be right. If you are selling for say, £375,000, go onto one of the major portals and check out properties in your general postcode area priced at £300-£450,000. Is yours the most expensive property of its type? If so, you should have a serious talk with your agent about the price. Also, I would avoid advertising in a price band, such as £450-£500,000. More and more buyers want transparency in transactions. Price bands – and devices like 'offers in excess of' – don't help people decide where to pitch an offer. Remember, you want to do everything you can to encourage offers, not discourage them!

Similarly, does your property stand out online? First impressions are critical. Imagine a buyer scrolling down a page of quite similar properties. What will get them to click through to yours? Has the agent missed a really key feature in the heading? Is the photograph the best one? Make sure you and your agent are singing from the same hymn sheet.

Incidentally, some agents are targeted on the number of viewings they achieve, not the quality. Nothing worse than a buyer with a walking stick turning up to view a 4th floor flat without a lift! The moral: make sure your agent doesn't simply qualify viewers by price...

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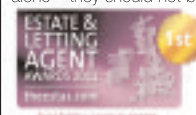
Portable Appliance Tests or PATs are an electrical check carried out on 'movable' items such as kettles, microwaves, Hoovers, table lamps, toasters and coffee machines and many electricians will tell you they must be carried out before tenants move into a property. Legally speaking this is not true. There is no law that says PAT checks must be carried out, something the government recently clarified.

What the law does state is that all electrical equipment within a rental property must be safe to use and that it's the landlord's responsibility to ensure this before tenants move in and, equally, during the tenancy too. Most experts, including those from the Electrical Safety Council, recommend landlords make a visual inspection of all the electrical appliances provided within each rented property so check cables aren't worn or that plugs are damaged. It is also recommended that any new items feature the 'CE' kite mark which is the manufacturer's claim that it meets all European safety legislation.

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A visual examination is the most important factor, but if an item were to short and then catch fire then being able to prove that it had been PAT checked recently (every two years for smaller items and four years for larger ones) would help matters.

More importantly PAT checks may flag up potential problems before tenants move in but don't rely on them alone – they should not be completed instead of a visual check but rather as a back up.



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Drivetime

Frontal assault from new Vito

By Stewart Smith

LAST year Mercedes-Benz Vans celebrated its best year in the UK with 30,257 vehicles registered – a 21 per cent increase on 2012 and also beating 2007's previous record.

One of its biggest sellers is the Vito mid-size load-shifter, the latest version of which has just been revealed.

From skilled crafts and trades to retail, service providers, shuttle services and taxis the new Vito is a versatile piece of kit.

With up to 1,369kg cargo capacity, it has the highest payload in its class and the Vito Crew featuring a crewcab combines the advantages of a panel van with those of a crewbus or courtesy vehicle.

There are two versions available: the Vito Tourer Pro and the premium Vito Tourer Select. The Tourer can be tailored to accommodate all types of passenger transport.

For the first time the Vito is being offered with front-wheel drive. Mercedes says that when empty or carrying only a light load, front-wheel drive offers better traction and reduces fuel consumption.



It is fitted with a compact four-cylinder engine with a displacement of 1.6 litres and which is available in two power ratings, the Vito 109 CDI with 88bhp and the

Vito 111 CDI with 114bhp.

For shifting heavy loads or towing a trailer, more power is needed so Mercedes is continuing with the rear-wheel drive Vito which

comes with a 2.15-litre engine and a choice of three power levels the 114 CDI, 136bhp, 116 CDI, 163bhp and Vito 119 BlueTEC at 190bhp.

Six-speed manual transmissions come as standard on the lower powered engines. The 7G-TRONIC PLUS automatic transmission with torque converter is optional for the Vito 114 CDI and Vito 116 CDI and standard equipment on the Vito 119 BlueTEC.

Whatever engine the new Vito has long service intervals of up to 25,000 miles or two years, and all models have had their fuel consumption reduced from the previous Vito range.

The suspension has also been improved with less taught springs and more sensitive shock absorbers.

All versions are 140mm longer than the preceding Vito, mainly because of the extended front end to help protect pedestrians.

The maximum vehicle height is 1,910mm depending on the model.

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THE 18th hole at California's picturesque Pebble Beach golf course is about to witness a drive like never before.

But it won't be Rory McIlroy or Tiger Woods ripping up the famous fairway.

Instead the cheers will be for McLaren Special Operations and the MSO 650S Spider and fire-breathing P1 hypercar.

The bespoke MSO division was launched in 2011 and offers a full personalisation service for McLaren owners.

And commissioned by a North American customer, the P1 to be shown for the first time at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

features a host of bespoke options. This unique example of the 916PS, 217mph flyer has been modified to mark it out from the other 170 examples which have been built to date.

At the front, silver finishing to the aluminium radiator grilles sit below the carbon fibre bumper while above, a McLaren Orange speedmark adorns the bonnet.

The bodywork is finished in exclusive Stirling Grey, with the metallic finish complemented by gloss carbon fibre and orange accents.

Along the profile of the car, brake callipers finished in the heritage colour are mounted behind body-coloured alloy wheels.

The car's rear is enhanced

further by 24 carat gold heat shields around the engine bay and exhaust.

The material was originally used on the McLaren F1 of the 1990s and still used today on company's F1 cars, due to its reflective and heat resistance qualities.

MSO is also showcasing a one-off version of the 650S Spider, based on the exclusive MSO 650S which made its debut last month at the Goodwood Festival of Speed.

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BARNEY SPOT ON TO SINK STANLEY

Southend United

Accrington Stanley 0

Southend United 1

Brian Jeeves reporting from the Store First Stadium.

IT was a tale of two penalties as a late spot kick from Lee Barnard gave Southend United three hard earned points and a perfect start to their Sky Bet League Two campaign against Accrington Stanley at the Crown Ground.

Boss Phil Brown had been busy in the days leading up to the game, bringing in no less than four new players and sparking optimism amongst the Shrimpers faithful of a genuine push for automatic promotion. Whereas, Brown's opposite number, James Beattie, has remained principally reliant on the players that made Stanley so difficult to beat at home during the last campaign. Certainly in the build-up there was a feeling that any form of continuity lay largely with the more settled East Lancashire outfit.

Prior to kick-off, both players and fans observed an immaculate minutes silence in honor of the late Accrington chairman Eric Whalley, a man who had done so much to ensure Stanley's return to the Football League in 2006.

And it was a lively opening, Southend were first to threaten

when Connor Clifford's volley was expertly pushed aside by Luke Simpson in the Stanley goal, then the home side went even closer as James Gray's deflected effort deceived Daniel Bentley but came back off an upright. Soon after Gray was in again, this time prodding wide after an excellent interchange with Josh Windass.

Stanley continued to press, Windass broke from deep but his finish was disappointingly wayward, while Blues went close when Barry Corr scuffed wide after Ben Coker had centred. Coker was next to try his luck, curling a dead ball effort agonizingly wide with Simpson rooted to the spot.

Just before the break Southend had a glorious opportunity when Myles Weston raced clear only for Simpson to tip over his right footed strike, then the Stanley keeper had to react quickly to rebuff Cian Bolger's header. At the other end, Nicky Hunt's long range strike had Bentley scrambling but dropped onto the roof of the net.

The teams continued to toil, with the action largely confined to the central areas, but as referee Andy Haines whistled for half time, there were little signs of either side grabbing the initiative.

There was a dramatic start to the second period, with Blues passing

up a huge chance. Tottenham Hotspur loanee Shaquille Coulthirst was tripped by Adam Buxton. However, Barr Corr's weak spot kick was easily saved by Simpson. Buoyed by the let-off, Stanley tried their luck, but Kal Naismith's shot was high and wide.

Blues were generally enjoying the better of proceedings, without producing a decisive opening. And it almost proved costly when Windass fired over with Bentley fully extended, this after a great build up down the left. Meanwhile an uncharacteristic blip from Simpson almost let in Coulthirst when the keeper had fumbled Ryan Leonard's bomb of a throw.

The game stagnated somewhat, with perhaps both sides wary that one mistake could prove costly. Luke Prosser was yellow carded for a clumsy challenge on Naismith, although perhaps Southend were fortunate on this occasion as the Stanley man was about to race clear. In the final stages Weston fired frustratingly straight into Simpson's midriff, this after Kevan Hurst had played him in, while the Blues rearguard had to be on their toes as Gray sent over successive dangerous crosses.

Then the moment that clinched Blues the points. Substitute Lee Barnard went over after tangling with Dean Winnard, and the former

Southampton man dusted himself off to send Simpson the wrong way from the resulting penalty.

Tempers frayed as Gray appeared to stamp on Barnard, but referee Haines was quick to defuse the situation.

In the burning embers Blues remained resolute amidst intense Stanley pressure to clinch a massive three points and get there season off to a textbook start.

Afterwards, Phil Brown was a satisfied man saying: "We had to grind the win out, but I felt we had the quality to go on and win the game and that's what happened."

"The lads kept going and got the winning goal with just under ten minutes remaining. We would have liked it to come sooner but we had to work hard to break the opposition down." And he added: "We probably should have won the game by a bigger margin, but we're delighted to get our season off to a winning start. I thought the referee got both penalty decisions correct. Lee took it well and that will provide him with a great confidence boost."

Accrington Stanley: Simpson, Buxton, Liddle, Joyce, Aldred, Winnard, Windass, Gray, Naismith, Mingoa, Hunt. Subs: Lynch, McCartan, Hatfield, Martin, Bowerman, Alabi, Atkinson.

Southend United: Bentley, White, Prosser, Bolger, Coker, Hurst, Coulthirst, Leonard, Clifford, Weston, Corr. Subs: Iberfeldt, Thompson, Worrall, Barnard, Atkinson, Payne, P.Smith.

Non-league round-up

Early win for Canvey

by Matthew Stanton

CANVEY opened their Ryman Premier campaign with a win after beating Bognor Regis Town 3-1 at home.

Gulls striker and captain, Jay Curran, marked his 100th goal for the club with a brace at The Prospects Stadium on Saturday, August 9.

Bognor, who reached the play-offs last season, did the double over Canvey during the last campaign.

The game started off balanced with both sides squandering chances before the Sussex visitors took the lead on 30 minutes when Jake Thomson's shot deflected into the path of Ollie Pearce who fired past Danzelle St Louis Hamilton to open the scoring.

Canvey responded by equalising five minutes later when Victor Osobu's right wing cross was knocked back by centre back, John Easterford, to Curran who finished from close range.

The 28-year-old celebrated with a punch to the air.

The goal gave Canvey plenty of confidence and Harrison Chatting tested Winter-ton with a drive from 30 yards before Kevin Dobinson playing in his fourth spell for the Gulls fired wide from 25 yards after good play by Anthony Thomas.

Both teams went into the break level.

Two minutes into the second half Canvey took the lead when John Sands scored from six yards.

Canvey then scored a third when Harrison Chatting received the ball in midfield and drove towards goal before releasing a fine pass that found Curran unmarked in the area. The striker smashed a shot from the left hand side of the area that beat Winter-ton at his near post.

The third goal seemed to wake Bognor up and for the next ten minutes they played their best football of the game using the flanks well and going close on a number of occasions.

Canvey though weathered this storm and with former Southend United youngsters Charlie Barlow and Marlon Agyakwa replacing Sands and Osobu in the last 15 minutes.

Canvey next travel to Peacehaven and Telscombe on Saturday, August 16, at 3pm.



100TH GOAL: Gulls striker and captain, Jay Curran
Photo by Holly Allison

Wet weather helps Redbacks to second place finish

Baseball

THE Essex Redbacks secured second place in the AAA South division despite a washout over the weekend.

With other games also falling foul of the weather and with only one week left of the regular season, the Redbacks lie in second place with just two games remaining.

It means that they will have home field advantage against the Richmond Knights on Sunday, August 24, with both teams now securing their play-off spot.

Manager Vince Warner said: "We've had a really good season and this is the icing on the cake. After struggling last year and losing some of our stars in the winter, we looked at 2014 as a year of rebuilding, so to be in the hunt for silverware as we enter the business end of the season is a great achievement for the guys."

The Redbacks' final games of the regular season will be a good test of how far they have come when they take on the reigning national champions London Metros on Sunday.

The Redbacks are the only team to beat the Metros this year, and manager Warner believes this final test will be a great opportunity to



ACHIEVEMENT: Vince Warner



PITCHER: Sean Briscoe

work out some key strategies.

"We've hit well all year, so we'll look to identify our best line-ups and also to give some other players some time on the mound. Sean Briscoe has been strong as our ace pitcher this year, with a league-leading total of six wins, but we'll

need to find some other arms among the team to put together a long post-season run."

The weather also prevented the Redbacks second team from making an outside shot of the playoffs, as their game against Herts Raptors was rained-off.

On Sunday, the Redbacks take on local rivals Brentwood Bucks at Forest Glade, Billericay.

Manager Arun Mandalia said: "The game against Brentwood should be a cracker. They're pushing for the playoffs, but we'll be back to nearly full strength for the first time since early this season, and we could be a thorn in their sides at the final hurdle. Either way, it'll be a great game."

The match starts at 12pm and is free entry. Redbacks training for adult players, aged 16 and over, is on Thursdays at the club's Melbourne Park ground in Chelmsford, from 6pm.

The Redbacks junior sides play their final games before the junior play-offs this coming Saturday when they visit the defending champions London Mets in some friendly, but likely very competitive, matches.

Head youth coach Sean Briscoe said: "Our under-14s almost won the national championship in 2013 and I'm confident that the players will be challenging again this year. We've had some fantastic sessions in preparing for these games over the last few weeks, and we're ready for action."

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